GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COAL BLOCK FOR CAPTIVE COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to allocate 38 coal blocks for captive coal mining with a total coal reserves of 62,907.078 million tonnes to the power, iron, steel and cement sectors by 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the interested companies to file their applications by January 12, 2007;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government will consider the companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 for the allocation of one or more coal blocks of the 38 blocks for captive coal mining;

(f) the extent to which the Government is likely to receive response; and

(g) the time by which the coal blocks are likely to be allocated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The coal reserves for 38 blocks to be allocated through the Screening Committee route is estimated to be 6086.67 million tonnes.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The advertisement issued by the Government in the month of November, 2006 invited applications from eligible companies for allocation of coal blocks for captive mining by January 12, 2007.

(e) to (g) : Yes, Sir. A total of 1422 applications have been received. The allocation of coal blocks will depend on the time by which views/comments of State Governments/Nodal Ministries are obtained and the recommendations of the Screening Committee constituted for the purpose is received. No definite date can be given at this stage.